

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 9120
Order No. R-8678

IN THE MATTER CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT VIKING PETROLEUM, INC. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE VIKING PETROLEUM, INC. GRYNBERG STATE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED 330 FEET FROM THE NORTH AND EAST LINES (UNIT A) OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 22, May 6, May 20 and June 17, 1987, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners Michael E. Stogner and David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 1st day of July, 1988, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) Records at the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division show that Viking Petroleum, Inc. is the owner and operator of the Grynberg State Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(3) The current condition of said well could be such that waste may occur, correlative rights may be violated, and/or fresh water may be contaminated if action is not taken to properly plug and abandon the well.

(4) At this time the subject well is not covered by a plugging bond.

(5) The Grynberg State Well No. 1, as described above, should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Artesia District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before September 1, 1988, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

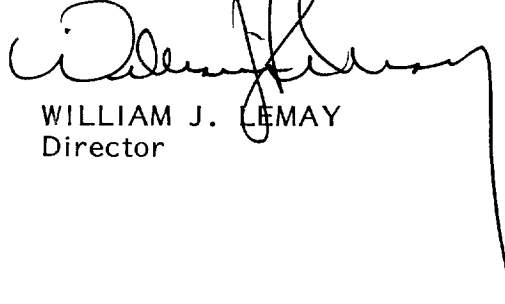
(1) Viking Petroleum, Inc. is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Grynberg State Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before September 1, 1988.

(2) Viking Petroleum, Inc., prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Artesia office of the Division a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Artesia office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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